

21. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first string of digits is an IP address.

22. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first string of digits 5 is a telephone number.

23. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 22, wherein the sequence of instructions includes:

receiving information derived from an area code of the telephone number entered 10 by the conferee; and

utilizing the information derived from the area code to assign billing information to a record corresponding to the conferee.

24. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 23, wherein the information derived 15 from the area code includes country code information.

25. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 17, wherein deriving the conference I.D. number comprises combining the PIN and at least a portion of the information derived from the first string of digits.

20 26. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 22, wherein the information derived from the telephone number comprises billing information.

27. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 17, wherein the at least one 25 programmable device includes a storage element and wherein validating the conference I.D. includes comparing the conference I.D. with a plurality of conference I.D.s stored in the storage element.

28. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 17, wherein the conference I.D. 30 number includes a second string of digits, at least a portion of the second string of digits being derived from the first string of digits.

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29. A teleconferencing bridge including at least one programmable device effecting a sequence of instructions comprising:

receiving information derived from an input sequence entered by a conferee;

receiving a PIN from the conferee; and

5 generating a conference I.D. number based on at least a portion of information received and the PIN.

30. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 29, wherein the sequence of instructions further comprises allowing the conferee access to a predetermined 10 conference based on the conference I.D. number.

31. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 29, wherein the input sequence comprises a telephone number.

15 32. The teleconferencing bridge as claimed in claim 29, wherein the input sequence comprises an IP address.

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